

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN LEONARD L. BOSWELL

SERVICE ACADEMY RECOMMENDATION FORM

***NOTE TO CANDIDATE:** Please enter your name and residence below. Deliver or mail this form to the person who will write your recommendation.

***IMPORTANT:** It is your responsibility to ensure that all recommendations are returned to my office by the deadline.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____
Last First Middle

LEGAL RESIDENCE _____
City Zip County

RECOMMENDER'S NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street address City Zip

***NOTE TO RECOMMENDER:** The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to one of the United States Service Academies. The purpose of the academies is to provide a college education leading to a career as an officer.

The questions posed below suggest the kind of information which would be helpful in the selection process, but this form is provided for your convenience only and we would welcome your comments in whatever format you think is suitable. We are aware that we are asking for considerable time and effort on your part in completing this form. Therefore, we want to assure you that your generous assistance in giving this appraisal is very helpful to us and is greatly appreciated.

Please attach this sheet to your recommendation. Recommendations must be returned to my office **no later than September 30, 2003.**

Listed below are items to consider when preparing your letter of recommendation.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what connection?
2. What do you consider to be the applicant's talents or strengths with regard to leadership potential?
3. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
4. Do you feel the applicant is motivated to attend a service academy because he or she wants to attend or because family or community wants the applicant to attend?
5. Do you know of personal circumstances or conditions which might affect the applicant's performance at the academy? If yes, please explain.
6. How does the applicant handle stressful situations?

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